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SUBJECT: CYPRUS/ISRAEL RELATIONS

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1. WHILE EMBASSY CANNOT RULE OUT PROSPECT THAT GOCYPRUS PLANNING TO BREAK--OR LOWER--RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL, WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE THAT SUCH STEP NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION. WELL-KNOWN CYPRUS "TILT" TO ARAB CAUSE HAS BEEN UNDER-SCORED IN RECENT WEEKS BY FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES STATEMENT DURING OCTOBER WAR (NICOSIA 2113), TRIPOLI COMMUNIQUE FROM MAKARIOS VISIT (FBIS 132307Z), DEPORTATION OF SEVEN CONVICTED ARAB TERRORISTS (NICOSIA 2483), AND SERIES OF PIO RELEASES RE VISIT OF 3-MAN ARAB PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION DEC 13-16. EVIDENCE TO DATE SUGGESTS BOTH ARABS AND GOCYPRUS SATISFIED WITH DEGREE OF "TILT".

2. HOWEVER, ISRAELIS HERE ARE WORRIED: AMB TIMOR RAISED SIMILAR CONCERNS WITH AMB MC CLOSKEY DEC 27.

3. LONG HOLIDAY WEEKEND NOW UPON US. WE WILL RAISE MATTER WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY NEXT WEEK. RECOMMEND DEPT NOT RESPOND FORMALLY TO ISRAELIS UNTIL WE HAVE TAKEN FRESH SOUNDING HERE.

MC CLOSKEY

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